

commerce in southeastern Europe and an influx of refugees caused by the conflict in neighboring Serbia;

(5) the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria should ensure the expedition ratification of all bilateral treaties that have been negotiated with the neighboring Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

(6) the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria should undertake steps to immediately halt any illicit transfer of arms and military equipment that may occur in Bulgaria or may cross Bulgarian territory;

(7) the Republic of Bulgaria should play a central role in any effort by the NATO to create a joint peacekeeping military unit involving personnel from throughout the countries of southeastern Europe or in the creation of facilities in support of such a peacekeeping unit; and

(8) the United States should join other official creditors of the Republic of Bulgaria in providing Bulgaria with relief from such official debt through rescheduling and, where appropriate, forgiveness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 29, 1999, I inadvertently voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 352, the Moakley amendment to prohibit any funding for the U.S. Army School of the Americas located at Fort Benning, GA. As a cosponsor of legislation calling for the closure of the School of the Americas, and having consistently voted to prohibit funding for the School of the Americas in the past, I fully intended to cast my vote in favor of the Moakley amendment, rollcall vote No. 352.

TRIBUTE TO HUGH CHISOLM DALE

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hugh Chisolm Dale who received the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree on May 15, 1999, from Erskine College in Due West, South Carolina.

Without question, Hugh Dale is one of Erskine's most loyal alumni, and one of South Alabama's most outstanding citizens. Erskine awarded him the Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 1972 and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in 1987. In addition, he served as a member of the Erskine Board of Trustees for twelve years, and was Chairman of the Board from 1967 to 1969.

While he is naturally proud of his relationship to his alma mater, Mr. Dale has also been a one-man chamber of commerce for his hometown of Camden, Alabama. He retired as senior vice President with the Camden National Bank in 1973, having first started with the bank back in 1951. In this capacity, he was often called upon to help lead numerous civic and community events which, in turn, helped the growth and development of Camden and Wilcox County.

Mr. Dale is the son of Hugh Henry Dale and Lillie Packer Chisolm and was born in Camden in 1911. He was valedictorian of the 1928 Wilcox County High School class and graduated cum laude from Erskine with a BA in chemistry in 1932. In 1935, he received a Master of Arts degree, also in chemistry, from Columbia University.

The first ten years after graduation were spent teaching school in Alabama, South Carolina, and Georgia. He then served in the United States Air Force as a preflight instructor during the Second World War, rising to the rank of Major. For the five years immediately following the war he worked for the Veterans Administration in Montgomery. After that, he returned to his hometown of Camden, where he has lived ever since.

Mr. Dale is married to the former Margaret Isabel Ware, and they have two daughters, Margaret Caroline Dale Austin and Jane Shelton Dale, both of whom also graduated from Erskine College. He has been a deacon and elder in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, in Camden, where he served for years as its treasurer.

Mr. Speaker, Hugh Dale is a man of the highest moral character, and he has lived his entire life with the aim of serving his fellow man. It is appropriate that Erskine College recognized one of its most outstanding alumni in this way, and it is a tribute for a job well done.

I salute Mr. Dale for his many lifetime achievements, and wish him only good health and God's Blessings as he continues on life's journey.

SUPPORT FOR ROMANIA, H. CON. RES. 169

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 169 outlines our United States foreign policy towards Romania, recognizes the strides Romania has taken in economic and political reforms since the end of the cold war, recognizes the steps Romania has taken to improve relations with its neighbors and to prepare itself for eventual integration into the pan-European and trans-Atlantic communities, and urges Romania forward in its reforms, despite its current economic difficulties.

Mr. Speaker, although Romania had taken reform-oriented steps early in this decade, the elections of November 1996, the first since 1937 that led to a peaceful transfer of power under a democratic system, provided a fresh opportunity to push reforms forward. These reforms undertaken in the midst of economic hardship made worse by corruption, criminal activities, and the disruptions in commerce in southeast Europe caused by international sanctions and military actions against neighboring Serbia, have a long way to go.

I believe, however, that it is important to encourage Romania to continue with its reforms. I also believe that it should be our policy to support Romania's eventual integration into pan-European and trans-Atlantic economic and security institutions. In this regard, I note that Romania was the very first country to join NATO's "Partnership for Peace" program and that it has spent most of this decade working

to reform its military and adopt procedures for its military forces that are compatible with those of the NATO alliance.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to support House Concurrent Resolution 169, an important statement of United States support for Romania, for its program of reforms, and for its eventual integration into the trans-Atlantic community. I submit that the text of H. Con. Res. 169 be inserted at this point in the RECORD.

H. CON. RES. 169

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Romania has negotiated, agreed to, and ratified an important bilateral treaty with the neighboring Republic of Hungary that recognizes the borders of those two countries and provides for the protection of the civil liberties of citizens who are members of national minorities.

(2) Romania has negotiated, agreed to, and ratified an important bilateral treaty with neighboring Ukraine that recognizes the borders of those two countries.

(3) The November 1996 electoral change in the Government of Romania was the first such change under a democratic political system in Romania since 1937.

(4) Romania was the first country to join the "Partnership for Peace" program of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), in January 1994, has since become an active participant in that program, is a member of NATO's Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council, and has stated its strong interest in admission into NATO and into the European Union.

(5) The Government of Romania has worked to ensure civilian control over its armed forces and has begun to implement military reform through force reductions, reorganization of officer ranks, and adoption of NATO-compatible procedures.

(6) Romania has provided military personnel for participation in and support of multinational peacekeeping operations.

(7) The Government of Romania has stated its continuing support for the mission of NATO in supporting democratization and stability across Europe.

SEC. 2. POLICY TOWARD ROMANIA.

It is the policy of the United States—

(1) to promote the development in Romania of a market-based economy and a democratic government that respects the rights of all of its citizens, regardless of ethnic background;

(2) to support the territorial integrity of Romania and to insist that the territorial integrity of Romania be respected by all neighboring countries and by all political movements within and outside Romania; and

(3) to support the integration of Romania into pan-European and trans-Atlantic economic and security institutions.

SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the United States should support efforts by Romania to integrate into pan-European and trans-Atlantic institutions and should view such integration as an important factor in consolidating democratic government in Romania;

(2) Romania is to be commended for its work to achieve bilateral treaties with the Republic of Hungary and Ukraine and the Government of Romania should now work expeditiously to negotiate, agree to, and ratify a bilateral treaty with the neighboring Republic of Moldova that recognizes the borders of those two countries;

(3) the Government of Romania should accelerate necessary economic reforms, particularly privatization of state-owned enterprises under a fair and transparent process